

ROTORUA TRUST AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS
JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship
Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura

Ten local tertiary students and eight apprentices received scholarships from the Rotorua Trust at a special awards ceremony recently (21 January 2010).

In presenting the awards, the Trust's education spokesperson, Judy Keaney said the Trust has always been firmly committed to education having invested \$4.5 million in this area since 1996. More than \$180,000 has been awarded in scholarships to students studying at Waiariki Institute of Technology, while recipients of the JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice Scholarship, first begun in 2003, have received in excess of \$50,000.

"We believe it's so important to get a good education especially given the current economic conditions. It is also important to support students who have chosen to study locally as they are already contributing to the local community albeit in a small way. We hope these young people will stay here and play a more significant role in our district once they have completed their training."

Mrs Keaney said the presentation of scholarships continued to be one of the highlights of the year for the Trust. "We were absolutely delighted with the calibre and number of applicants for the Waiariki (Institute of Technology Whare Takiura) Scholarships. The standard is always very high and these were the best we have ever had. However, we were disappointed with the relatively low number of applicants for the JWJ Lepper (Memorial Apprentice) Scholarships this year. While the standard of applicants remained high, numbers were down on previous years," she said.

Kevin Scott of Farm and Garden Equipment in Rotorua said two of his company's apprentices received scholarships this year. "We have always encouraged those apprentices eligible to apply for the Trust's scholarships and we've had a very good success rate. I cannot remember a year in which at least one of our apprentices was not awarded a scholarship," he said. "While the money comes in very handy for study fees and tools, having received a scholarship adds value to their CV and to their future career. I think the scholarships are a wonderful incentive for local apprentices and would urge all employers to encourage applications."

Each Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura Scholarship has an annual value of \$2,000 while recipients of the JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship receive \$1,000.

This year's successful recipients were:

2010 Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura Scholarship

Victoria Burgos Molina Bachelor of Nursing

Jacqueline Maru	Bachelor of Nursing
Darron Kereama	Bachelor of Computing Systems
Geoffrey Manahi	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Maria Mihaka	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Renee Ormond	Bachelor of Nursing
Lisa Te Whare	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Amanda Te Whau	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Nyree Vaka	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Fiona Watson	Bachelor of Applied Social Science

2010 JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice Scholarship

Richard Edwards	Heavy Diesel Mechanic Farm and Garden Equipment Ltd
Daniel Gibbs	Automotive Heavy Engineering Farm and Garden Equipment Ltd
Rex Gotz	Carpentry GC Builders
Michael Holmes	Mechanic Auto Service Centre
Alexander Mogridge	Mechanical Engineering Reporoa Engineering
Ryan McLean	Mechanical Engineering Skills 4 Work / Red Stag Timber
Michael Price	Carpentry Mark Signall Builders Ltd
Dion Walls	Plumbing The Lewis Plumbing Company

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